

MANCHESTER BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP	GERRY MILLETTE
SONG LEADER	DOUG PAUL
202	JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE
227	ON ZION'S GLORIOUS SUMMIT
SCRIPTURE	GEORGE ABOOD
VERSE	GENESIS 1:26-27
SERMON	GERRY MILLETTE
902	NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD
335	IN MEMORY OF THE SAVIOR'S LOVE
LORDS SUPPER	KARL DAVIES
CLOSING PRAYER	WILL HAMEL
ANNOUNCEMENTS	BARRY FOGAL
WORSHIP TECH	ALEX NORMANDIN
COORDINATOR	RICH THERRIEN
WEDNESDAY EVENING	SEPTEMBER 4, 2024
SONG LEADER	DOUG PAUL
PRAYER	DAVE SKERRY
DEVO	BARRY FOGAL
WORSHIP TECH	ALEX NORMANDIN

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Worship Times

Sunday Worship - 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time - 10:30 AM

Bible Classes - 11:00 AM

Sun. Evening - 6:00 PM

Tuesday Morning Ladies' Class - 10:00 AM

Wed. Evening Devo & Bible Class - 7:00 PM



FAMILY NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

DATES TO SAVE!

(More information in foyer unless otherwise stated)

NEW EVENT: September 13-15: "Call of Duty Youth Rally" at Roxbury, MA church of Christ

NEW EVENT: December 14 (Saturday): Adult's Christmas Party at the Skerry's (more information to come)

- **September 2 (Labor Day):** The Skerry's are hosting a Labor Day picnic!
- **September 12-14:** Gander Brook Ladies Retreat, "Lead Me To Them: Sharing the Bread"
 - **New information hanging in the foyer!** There are 2 sessions and you can pick from 4 topics. Please be sure to register.
- **September 13-15:** Live Seminar with Jeff Miller at the Lakes Region church of Christ
- **September 19-21:** Gander Brook Men's Retreat
 - Topic: "Next?" with Park Linscomb
- **October 4:** Ladies Fun Night/Sleepover at Nicole H(artford)'s in MA. More details to come!
- **October 11-13:** The 29th Annual Northern New England Lectures at the Lakes Region church of Christ
- **November 9:** Friendsgiving at the building (more details to come)
- **November 15-17:** Manchester, CT Youth Rally
- **November 15-17:** "Is the Bible Reliable" presented by Eric Lyons at the Lakes Region church of Christ

Brian is looking for temporary housing (for him and his wife) from mid-September through the end of the year. If you think you can help out, please reach out to him!

Darlene C(ordaro) is looking for a dog sitter for 2 small dogs from 9/16 to 10/11 (dates subject to change at the moment). Please let her know if you can assist!

Dave is (still) looking for a full or queen size bed with linens (both in good shape) for a member. If you can help out (even with just one of the two), please see him.

New Prayer Requests

- Juliette's uncle was hospitalized with a newly discovered heart condition

Continuing Prayer Requests

- Derek's situation, pain, and temptation stressors
- Alex's sister, **Sam**, and the pregnancy
- Dave's friend, **Lee C**

August Budget Vs Contribution

DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
8/4	\$3200	\$2592	-\$608
8/11	\$3200	\$3184	-\$16
8/18	\$3200	\$1209	-\$1991
8/25	\$3200	\$1224	-\$1976
Total	\$12,800	\$8209	-\$4591

Tamera's family (former members) announces the birth of their new baby boy, Elisha! He was born 8/21, and both mother and baby are doing well. Tamera notes "God is SO good!... The Lord has heard and answered all of our prayers." Please pray for Isaiah (her husband) as he manages home responsibilities and helping during recovery. He is off work for the next 7 weeks.

There is a letter in the foyer from Chris & Diana White, with Freed-Hardeman University, who are leading several FHU Nursing students on a medical mission trip to Ghana, Africa, in January.

They are looking to raise money to help defray the costs of this trip for their students.

Wednesday night suppers start 9/18.
The sign-up sheet is hanging in the foyer.

It has recently been reported that church emails are being found in people's SPAM & TRASH folders. Please check your email filter settings. You may need to also search your SPAM/TRASH folders separate from the inbox search. Additionally, please be sure to add mhtchurch@icloud.com to your address book - this should help your email recognize us as a trusted sender!

Please remember:

- Any items for the Bulletin need to be sent to the church email by 7p on Thursday.
- Any items for the News & Notes need to be sent to the church email by 6p on Tuesday.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

I PRAYED. IT DIDN'T WORK!

Have you ever heard anyone say that? Have you ever said that yourself? You prayed for the thing you needed, but it never arrived. Why? Doesn't God care? Doesn't He hear? We who follow Him have wrestled with the matter of unanswered prayers as long as we have been praying.

And the Bible provides answers. For example, in Proverbs 28:9, we read, "If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination." So, if we don't listen to God's commands, our prayers will be rejected. Which makes sense if you have ever been a parent yourself. Any good parent will not reward the rebellious child when he begs.

Nor should we expect our Father to listen if we pray selfishly. In James 4:3, we read, "You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions." Any good parent will not listen to the plea of a greedy, selfish child.

Husbands? How do you treat your wives? Because in 1 Peter 3:7 we read, "Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered." How I treat (or

mistreat) my wife will have an impact on the effectiveness of my prayers.

Do I come to Him praying according to His will? According to 1 John 5:14 ("And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us."), He will hear if we ask according to His will.

But how do I know if I am asking "according to His will"? God has an answer for that, too. We are told in Romans 8:26-27, "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." So, even if our prayer is "not quite right", our Father, by His Spirit, is able to correct even that. I know - I've said that a few times. It's important!

Beloved, don't lose confidence in God when we pray for something and do not receive it. Our Father knows what we need before we ask (Matthew 6:8). And He has a plan, even for misguided prayers. We may not receive the thing for which we ask. But we will receive, from our loving Father, what is best.

-Danny Campbell

